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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



Where there's a will, there's a parade

Anyone planning an outdoor event during these stormy winter weather months in Pleasanton should give Michelle Stearns a call to "will away" the rain. As the coordinator of last Saturday's Hometown Holiday Parade on Main Street, that's what she did during the downpours of Friday and even on the morning of the parade. Sitting by the parade hotline, which she'd have to use to call off the parade, Stearns just kept insisting that it's not going to rain, not during the parade, and she wouldn't let it.

She's not sure who heard her pleadings made as storms continued to pelt the city, but they worked. At 1 p.m., about the time she had to make a "go-or-no go" decision, the rain stopped and the parade kicked off at 5 p.m. just as she had planned. A few hours later as she and other city workers were taking down the announcement booths, Museum on Main stage and opening Main Street after the parade, the rain started again, but that was OK. Her work was done.

Stearns wasn't alone in wanting the skies to clear. Across town, Allan Lam, his daughter Aly and all the girls in her Girl Scout Troop 32815 were hoping for the same break in the weather so they could ride in the colorful float that Lam had built for the Scouts. As last week's storms approached, he even took the 15 girls, all fourth-graders at Lydiksen Elementary School, out for a "spin" around the block before backing the float into his garage for safe-keeping.

The float, pictured above, was a highlight of the parade and included Tristan Meyer, Holden Meyer, Nicolas Rodriguez, Michaela Hoyman, Savina DeLeo, Aly Lam, Alyssa Camacho, Camille Rodriguez, Megan Lam, Kaia Hoyman, Alyssa Camacho, Emily Eshelman, Sydney Cohen, Ria Patel, Cristina Cardenas, Rachel Singh, Katrina Terpstra,

Haley Kolon, Michaela Hoyman, Kaylee Bulat, Isabella Conte, Rachel Herrick and Liana and Savina DeLeo. The adults standing behind the girls are one of the moms, Rocio Rodriguez, and the Grinch is one of the dads, Malcom DeLeo.

Darci Camacho has been the troop leader of this same group of girls almost since they joined as Daisies, then Brownies and finally Girl Scouts. They decided on the "Grinch Who Stole Christmas" theme in September when Allan Lam took on the job of building the float. Everyone participated in anticipation of having one of the best floats in this year's parade. With weather permitting, they succeeded.

Putting the city's annual Hometown Holiday Parade together starts early. Stearns met with this year's steering committee last Tuesday, which has set next year's parade date for Saturday, Dec. 7. She sent out "Save the Date" notices to those who were involved and participated so that it's on everyone's calendar. Actual planning will begin next August but Stearns wants to make sure the 75 volunteers who worked with 71 from various city departments on last Saturday's parade come back. She can't handle the parade without the volunteers, who actually run the show with city staff making sure their plans are followed.

For Stearns, despite the anxious moments, coordinating Saturday's parade gave her a break from her regular job as the city's Recreation Supervisor who oversees the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, including swimming lessons, swim teams, water exercise programs and lifeguard classes. Her work at the aquatic center is especially challenging this year with three pools shut down for reconstruction. That means classes and programs have to be tightly scheduled for the 50-meter pool, the only one that's opened. She's likely to "will away" again any delays that might keep the rebuilding work from being completed on schedule next year. ■

About the Cover

Vintage Hills area Girl Scouts ride in their festive float on Main Street on Saturday night during Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Parade, which took place during a break in the weekend's heavy rains. Photo by Jay Flachsbarth. Design by Trina Cannon.

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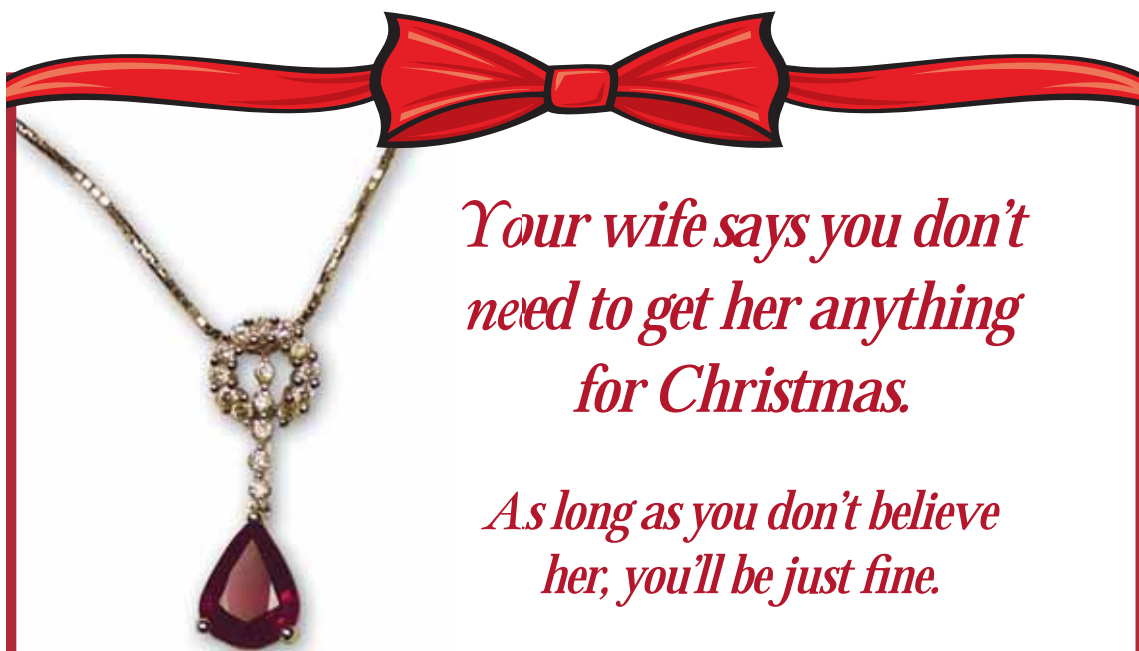
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Do you think Nativity scenes and other religious displays should be allowed on public property?



Kris Bergmann
Stay-at-home mom

It's been a tradition for so long. Maybe we should have them all. I don't want to see it so we can't have any expression — you should allow opportunities for all.

Ken Mainville
General contractor

I'm not a big believer, but I really don't have a problem with it. I can respect both sides regarding peoples' beliefs.



Kendra Yamasaki
Stay-at-home mom

I think it's OK. Everybody should have the right to do what they want. The whole reason for Christmas is Christ.

Trey Kerr
Tri Valley Gutter Cleaning

In San Francisco, they have gay parades. It's celebrating peoples' ideas and cultures. That's not a bad thing.



Nancy Larson
Mom of three, prenatal yoga instructor

I think it's fine — I don't have any objections to it. That's what Christmas is all about.

—Compiled by Glenn Wohltmann

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Power to the 'People'

Amador Valley High's "We the People" team is headed to the state finals being held Feb. 8-9 in Bakersfield after taking first place in regional competition. Foothill could move on as a wild card.

Last year, both went to the state finals, but neither finished in the top two, which both go on to the national competition in Washington, D.C. But the year before, Amador topped the state and placed second in nationwide competition.

Amador last won the statewide competition in 2009, the eighth year that the Amador competition civics teams had won state championships and competed in the national contest. The school fielded teams in the nationals in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Amador won the national championship in 1995.

Send us your Santa photos

If you have a photo you'd like to share of your children with Santa from this year or previous years, send it to us at dciardelli@pleasantonweekly.com. Photos are due by Dec. 14 and will be used in the Dec. 21 issue.

Include the names of the children in the photo, the parents, where they saw Santa, where the children attend school, and anything else interesting for a caption. Yes, we are also interested in photos of pets with Santa!

City seeks folks to study cultural scene

Pleasanton is accepting applications for its Cultural Plan Update Steering Committee. The update will help planning for the changing scope of the city's arts activities. Committee members will summarize themes, trends and community priorities, assess resources, review demographic conditions and provide strategies for the needs of arts and cultural programs.

Positions are open for two parent representatives, who have children attending preschool, elementary, middle or high school; and one teen representative. Only Pleasanton residents are eligible, and they must be able to go to at least three meetings for a period of six to nine months.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office at 123 Main St. or online at www.ci.Pleasanton.ca.us. Deadline is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27. The tentative date for committee members to be confirmed is Tuesday, Jan. 15.

For more information, contact Community Services Manager Michele Crose at 931-5347 or mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Crowds cheer new mayor, City Council members

Mayor Jerry Thorne sworn in with Jerry Pentin, Karla Brown

By JEB BING

The installation of Pleasanton's new mayor and two newly elected members of the City Council played to a full house Tuesday night, first at an hour-long reception at the public library and then during standing-room-only ceremonies in the council chambers.

Longtime Councilman Jerry Thorne was sworn into office as mayor by Family Court Judge Steve Pulido of the Alameda County Superior Court, followed by a standing ovation and cheers from the near-200 onlookers in the room. Thorne then moved onto the council dais where now-former Mayor Jennifer Hosterman relinquished her seat and stepped down.

The installations of Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin to City Council seats followed, with Brown being given the oath of office by City Clerk Karen Diaz and Pentin being sworn in by former Judge Ron Hyde. Then both new council members took their seats, Pentin replacing Councilman Matt Sullivan and Brown



MIKE SEDLAK

The Pleasanton City Council is now comprised of members (l-r) Jerry Pentin, Karla Brown, Mayor Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio. The new members were sworn in Tuesday night.

taking the seat occupied by Councilwoman Cindy McGovern.

Hosterman, McGovern and Sullivan received resolutions and statements of praise for their work from State Senators Ellen Corbett and Mark DeSaulnier and Assembly-

woman Joan Buchanan. They then left the council dais for the last time after serving the Pleasanton-mandated term limits of eight years in their elected positions.

For all, both incoming and outgoing elected officials, it was an

emotional evening as they thanked their constituents, campaign supporters and families, many of them at the proceedings.

"This has been one of the most challenging periods in my life and it's been an honor and a privilege to serve the entire community," Hosterman said in her farewell remarks. "No other city that I know of is as well served and cared for by its elected representatives as Pleasanton."

Sullivan, who began his public service as a member and at times chairman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, and McGovern, who served on the Pleasanton school board before her election to the City Council, heaped special praise on City Manager Nelson Fialho for his work as the chief executive of the city.

"He is a leader, friend and has been a confidante," Sullivan said to Fialho, who was sitting nearby, and again to the loud applause of those in the council chambers.

In taking office, Mayor Thorne See **MAYOR** on Page 7

Mount Diablo beacon to be lit today, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack

Light will shine all night to remember those who served

By JESSICA LIPSKY

One night a year, a beacon atop Mount Diablo is lit at sunset and shines all night in memory of Pearl Harbor Day.

Survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor plan to meet this afternoon on top of Mount Diablo to remember what happened on Dec. 7 in 1941 and to light the beacon on the summit.

Since 1964, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, whose numbers dwindle every year, has lit the summit beacon, known as the "Eye of Diablo."

The beacon was originally built in 1928 to encourage commercial aviation by aiding night flights, said Ron Brown, executive director of the nonprofit Save Mount Diablo, which co-sponsors the annual event.

The beacon was turned off in 1941 after the attacks and has since sustained extensive damage, Brown said. Weather conditions and being turned on only once a year have left the beacon without necessary ongoing maintenance; its bearings have deteriorated, the wiring is less than reliable, and mechanisms need to be refurbished or replaced.

Still, Brown expects the beacon to light for the 48th annual ceremony, which begins at 3:45 p.m. Four to five Pearl Harbor survivors are expected to attend the event and share their memories. The hour-long event will also feature a guest speaker.



SCOTT HEIN

Every year on Dec. 7, a ceremony is held atop Mount Diablo to light the beacon, which was turned off after the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

"At the conclusion of the ceremony, everybody goes to outside from the summit building and one of the survivors will flip the switch to turn the beacon on," Brown said.

"It will shine until the next morning as a beacon of remembrance for those who served their country."

—**Bay City News Service**
contributed to this article

New 7-Eleven proposed for downtown gas station

Planning Commission to consider plan for Union 76 station on Wednesday

The owners of the Union 76 gas station at First and Ray streets are seeking a city permit to tear down the station building there now and add a 7-Eleven convenience store with new fueling pumps and storage tanks.

The proposed store would have 2,500 square feet of floor space with much of the retail items normally found in a 7-Eleven store, including beverages, coffee, bakery products and some groceries. No alcoholic beverages, including beer, would be sold there.

The developer, Ironhorse Development out of Folsom, will take the proposal to the Planning Commission this Wednesday, but it's not clear if it will have the recommendation of the city's Planning Department.

"With all that they're planning on this little lot, it will be quite a challenge to meet our requirements," said Brian Dolan, director of Planning and Community Services.

Terry L. Grayson, who represents Ironhorse, said that in addition to See **7-ELEVEN** on Page 6

Over the top yearbook photo can run

Senior picture originally banned by Amador principal

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

An Amador Valley High senior will be allowed to have his distinctive photo in the school's yearbook after all.

Amador Principal Jim Hansen originally told Kenton Koos, an 18-year-old independent study student, that he'd violated school policy and the photo wouldn't be allowed.

Although Koos did wear a tuxedo as required, he'd spiked his hair and colored it green. He also painted a tribal tattoo on his face and sported a large nose ring in the shot.

Banning the photo caused a stir and the American Civil Liberties Union nearly got involved, but the district shifted gears almost immediately.

District guidelines allow for photos to be banned if they violate what Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services, described as "one of the protected classes."

"Something that's racial, something that may have some sexual overtones or profanity, something that may be obscene or project a level of hate, those things would not be allowed," Douglas



KENTON KOOS

Amador Valley senior Kenton Koos' picture will be allowed in the school yearbook, although the school's administration originally tried to block it.

explained. "His photo did not reflect any of those."

Douglas said Hansen has met with Koos to see whether he still wants his original photo in the yearbook.

"He was given the option to have his picture as it is, if he wants to change it, or if he wants to photoshop it, whatever he decides, that's what it will be," Douglas said.

He said the ACLU did not step in. Neither Koos nor his family could be reached for comment. ■

UOP honors Bob Moorefield

Band director named 'Distinguished Alumni'

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Bob Moorefield, who founded the Foothill High School band then marched it to prominence, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Service by the University of the Pacific on Nov. 3.

Moorefield and his wife Anne spent a recent weekend in Stockton being celebrated along with the other four award recipients, and the awards dinner Saturday night was attended by hundreds.

The former Foothill band director earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the UOP Conservatory of Music, in 1968 and 1985, and began his career teaching band at St. Mary's High School in Stockton. When Foothill High opened in 1972, Moorefield was recruited to found the band program, which he started with 17 students.

The Foothill music program eventually grew to include not only a marching band, but also sym-



ELLEN HOLMGREN

Bob Moorefield, walking beside the Foothill High band with his wife Anne at the Veterans Day Parade in 2007, established Foothill's music program in 1972 when the school opened.

phonic and concert bands, wind ensemble, two jazz bands, percussion, color guard and choir classes.

Moorefield, known affectionately

to his students as Moorf, retired in 2009, after Foothill bands had received more than 3,500 first-place and sweepstakes trophies. ■

Air Force jazz ensemble to play at Las Positas

Free concert Dec. 10 to feature music by Commanders

By **JEB BING**

The Commanders Jazz Ensemble, part of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, will present a free public concert Dec. 10 at Las Positas College.

The concert is being sponsored by the college's Veterans First Program.

Under the direction of Senior Master Sgt. Rick Thorp, The Commanders, based at Travis Air Force Base, carry on the American musical tradition of great traveling big bands. This energetic group

of highly trained professional airmen-musicians plays everything from traditional jazz, cool, bop and swing, to Broadway favorites, popular tunes, Latin rhythms and patriotic music.

Featured during the concert will be the music of jazz legends Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Count Basie and Charlie Parker, as well as contemporary big band leaders and composers such as Gordon Goodwin and Maria Schneider.

The Air Force Band of the Golden West is the only active-duty Air

Force band west of the Rockies.

The widely known Commanders will perform in the Main Stage auditorium of the College's Mertes Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. Although there is no charge for admission, the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots.

The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Todd Steffan at 424-1571 or tsteffan@laspositascollege.edu. ■

7-ELEVEN

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building a 7-Eleven convenience store on the site, the group would relocate and add six new fueling stations with a total of 12 gasoline pumps. The station's older fuel storage tanks would be removed and replaced with a new 20,000-gallon tank and another 15,000-gallon tank.

Apparently, the Union 76 brand of fuel would continue to be sold at the station.

A new driveway could be added on the First Street side of the property with additional landscaping to be placed along both Ray Street and First Street. The 7-Eleven store would have a glass front and doors opening onto the gasoline pumps, but there would be no windows on the other three sides of the building, including on the First Street side.

In several letters sent to Grayson and property owners Lieu Dee and Li Na of Danville, Pleasanton's associate planner Shweta Bonn questioned the parking and circulation plans for the site,



JEB BING

The owners of this Union 76 gas station at First and Ray streets are seeking a city permit to replace it with a 7-Eleven convenience store with new fueling pumps and storage tanks.

pointing out that some of the parking stalls appeared to extend into driveway access to the pumps and proposed store.

The proposal will be heard by

the Planning Commission at its meeting Wednesday, which starts at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers at 200 Old Bernal Ave.

—Jeb Bing

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Abduction ends at Pleasanton Walmart

Man kidnaps ex-girlfriend, heads to Reno

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A kidnapping that began in South San Francisco ended up with an arrest of a 25-year old man at Walmart in Pleasanton on Dec. 3.

Brent Rosard Kipp was arrested at about 11:22 p.m. Dec. 3 in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive on a host of felonies and misdemeanors.

The kidnapping began when Kipp showed up at the home of his 20-year-old ex-girlfriend, according to Pleasanton police Sgt.

Kurt Schlehuber.

"The kidnapping didn't happen here in Pleasanton. This is where they stopped on the highway up to Reno. He convinced her to get in his vehicle because they wanted to talk about their relationship, and she soon realized they weren't going to talk," Schlehuber said.

The couple stopped in Pleasanton at Walmart, and the woman hid inside a restroom.

"When a Walmart employee came in, she said, 'Hey I'm being

kidnapped by my ex-boyfriend,'" Schlehuber said. "He was on probation so we conducted a search of his vehicle, where we recovered meth, marijuana and brass knuckles."

Kipp was arrested for kidnapping, possession of metal knuckles, methamphetamine possession, marijuana possession, felony threats and paraphernalia possession.

"It's a serious crime but it's not very complicated," Schlehuber said. ■

MAYOR

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thanked his campaign team, including his long-time campaign manager and treasurer Kathy Narum, who also is a member of the Planning Commission. The two served together on the board of the Pleasanton Seahawks, with Narum succeeding Thorne as president of the organization that Thorne said is now one of the premier swim teams in the country.

Thorne said that in 2001, former Planning Commissioner and well-known community volunteer Jack Dove suggested that he consider running for a seat on the City Council. Recently retired from a career with Hewlett-Packard and Agilent Technologies, a political office was the last thing on his mind, Thorne said. But with further encouragement by the late Juanita Haugen, at that time a member of the Pleasanton school board, he took the plunge and became more involved in public work, serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission where he eventually became its chairman.

"Now it's time to put rubber to the road and get busy as the city's new mayor and with a new council to achieve more great things for the city we serve," Thorne said, in turning to the night's limited agenda.

Thorne and Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who remains on the council with two more years to serve of her eight-year term of office, praised each other for "productive" campaigns in the recent election, where both vied for the mayor's post.

In one of his first actions, Thorne, with the council's approval, appointed Cook-Kallio vice mayor for the coming year.

Thorne was elected mayor Nov. 6, receiving 11,980, or 54.6%, of the votes cast in the mayor's race, compared to 9,740, or 44.7%, for Cook-Kallio.

Until Thorne's council seat is filled in the spring, the council will function with just four members.

Thorne was first elected to the City Council in a special election June 7, 2005, and then re-elected by wide margins in November 2006 and again in 2010. Thorne has lived in Pleasanton for more than 30 years with his wife Sandi, and this is where they raised their daughter Keri.

During his Hewlett-Packard career, Thorne held top management



MIKE SEDLAK

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Steve Pulido swears in Pleasanton's new mayor, Jerry Thorne. In taking office, Thorne thanked his campaign team and those who originally encouraged him to get involved in city government.

positions, with responsibility for a \$200 million annual budget and a \$40 million payroll. As manager of global procurement and facilities design, he often worked directly with the city of San Jose, including its mayor, and helped streamline services to make the city more business-friendly.

Before seeking his council seat, he served 10 years on the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission. He chaired the Bernal Community Parks task force and co-authored the Save Our Community Park initiative that has resulted in the construction of three baseball fields on the Bernal property, the first part of a major new sports complex planned there.

As president of the Pleasanton Seahawks swim team, he also led the effort to build the 50-meter swimming pool that is now part of the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin won election to the City Council handily Nov. 6, with Brown garner-

ing 12,460 votes, 37%, and Pentin winning with 10,624 votes, 31.6%. A third candidate for the two available council seats, Erlene DeMarcus, received 6,099 votes, 18.14%.

Pentin served four years on the city Planning Commission and most recently was its chairman. He also has been vice chairman of the city's Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Committee and was a member of the Downtown Hospitality Guidelines task force. He owns Spring Street Studios, a video production company that produces corporate videos.

Brown is a real estate broker associate with Prudential California Realty in Pleasanton and a 20-year Pleasanton resident. She and her husband Tim Belcher have been involved in the community as they raised their three daughters, coached RAGE soccer and volunteered in their schools. She currently is a member of the East Side Strategic Plan Task Force although it's not clear if now, as a councilwoman, she can continue in the role. ■

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Celebration in Maryland: Jane Joseph (left) brought the Weekly to celebrate with her sister Emily when she received her master's degree in music from Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in May.

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Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street

- This workshop will focus on sports groups and other community based organizations and their experiences with the parks, facilities, and recreation programs in the City of Pleasanton. In order that we may accommodate a wide variety of organizations, we ask that your Organization send only 1-2 representatives. To RSVP, please contact Susan Andrade-Wax at (925) 931-5344 or sandrade-wax@cityofpleasantonca.gov and provide your organization's name & the name(s) of the 1-2 representatives that will be attending the workshop.

Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P12-0556, P12 0557, and P12 1790, Terry Grayson/Ironhorse**
Development Applications for: (1) a Conditional Use Permit and Design Review approval to demolish the existing 76 Conoco Phillips service station sales and restroom building, modify the location of fuel dispensers, construct an approximately 2,250 square foot, 24 hour 7 Eleven convenience market, and install related improvements at 4191 First Street; and (2) a Variance from the Pleasanton Municipal Code to locate parking spaces within the front yard setback.
- **PUD-87, Sares Regis/E&S Ring – Auf der Maur/Rickenbach Property**
Work Session to review and receive comments on a Planned Unit Development application to construct 345 apartment units, an approximately 38,781 square foot retail center consisting of four buildings, new surface parking, and related site improvements at the property located at 3150 Bernal Avenue (southeast corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard).
- **P12-1778, City of Pleasanton**
Application for General Plan Amendments related to Alameda County's Updated Livermore Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Library Commission

Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Community Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Civic Arts Cultural Plan Update Committee
- Technical Services Update
- Discussion regarding the Library Commission Photos
- Library Foundation – Kathy Merchant Lafayette Foundation
- Discussion regarding the Library Building's 25th Anniversary

Youth Commission

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
Conference Room 3, City Hall, 157 Main Street

- Selection of a Youth Commissioner to serve on the Park and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee
- Select a Youth Commissioner to serve on the Ad-Hoc Cultural Plan Update Steering Committee

Historic Preservation Task Force – Cancelled

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Parks & Recreation Commission – Cancelled

Thursday, December 13, 2012

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Building boom returns

Pleasanton's Community Development Director had good news for Realtors last week although those who'd prefer that the city stay on a slow-growth track when it comes to housing and population growth might not agree. Speaking to members of the Valley Real Estate Network, Brian Dolan updated the group on new zoning and residential building plans that could easily add another 10,000 people to the city's population rolls within the decade, if not sooner. It's all part of the settlement agreement between the city, the Urban Habitat affordable housing coalition in Oakland, the Alameda County Superior Court, the Association of Bay Area Governments and state housing authorities that require Pleasanton to build more housing.

For starters, BRE, a national developer known for its high-density affordable housing projects, is about to start construction on a multi-million-dollar housing project in Hacienda Business Park that will accommodate as many as 500 individual apartment units in 18 three- and four-story buildings when the development is completed. These will be located on two separate sites that the City Council rezoned for 30 units per acre, not quite as dense as some of the apartment buildings across the freeway in Dublin, but close. Dolan said a third site, owned by Roche Laboratories, also was rezoned for high density apartments, although the company's management at its European headquarters hasn't yet given its approval. Developers, including BRE, are urging Roche to sell the land, which is now zoned residential.

Two more projects also are expected to gain the approval of the city's Planning Commission and then the City Council's early next year. One developer has already received unofficial approval from the Planning Commission in a pre-application workshop hearing to build a 168-unit apartment complex on West Las Positas Boulevard near Stoneridge Drive. Again, with 30 units per acre, the development will include three-story buildings and one four stories in height with 15% of the units in the affordable category for low-to-middle income tenants, the others in much higher market rate, more luxurious units. Down the street, the owners of California Center, formerly called CarrAmerica, are planning to tear up much of the campus green and parking lots to build 300 luxury apartments and a new retail center on the corner across from the Walmart store complex. The firm will add parking as needed for its half-empty office building facility with a multi-deck parking garage closer to I-580.

There's more. Dolan said a developer is close to finalizing plans for 350 luxury rental apartments at the corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, a site once sought by Home Depot for a second store in Pleasanton. That request was shelved by the City Council, but this plan, which will also includes a small retail center at the corner across from McDonald's, appears headed for approval by next March.

Also likely to gain the approval of city authorities is a 300-unit apartment complex planned for the vacant site south of the new Safeway/Gateway Center at Valley and Bernal avenues. That project, which will replace an eight-building office complex approved for the site 12 years ago, will include 88 single family homes that Dolan said will be moderately sized and perhaps modestly priced.

As for the schools that may be required for any children moving into these hundreds of new apartments, Dolan said the school district's new demographic study and facilities strategic plan will address those concerns. As with all residential building in Pleasanton over the last 10 years, 15% of new multi-family construction must be reserved for those who meet affordable housing requirements. The rest, as these new developers are planning, will have much higher rents that many prospective tenants will not be able to afford.

But not to worry, Dolan said. Work on most of these new buildings won't start for a year or two and won't be occupied until mid-decade or later. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Work dispute ends with felony arrest

A Dublin man was arrested at his home after a workplace dispute.

Joel Najera, 21, of Dublin was arrested at about 7:14 p.m. Dec. 2 in the 7500 block of Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin for felony battery. Police said Najera, who'd been fired from Ranch 99 in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive, returned to his former workplace and punched another worker in the nose. That worker was not seriously hurt in the incident, which occurred at about 3:20 p.m. that same day.

In other police reports:

• More than \$50,000 in jewelry was stolen in two residential burglaries in recent days. In one, which was

reported at about 11:49 a.m. Dec. 3 in the 4000 block of Payne Road, jewelry valued at \$35,000, including an unknown quantity of yellow gold was stolen along with a \$1,000 laptop, a \$500 TV, and various gift cards worth \$550. The garage door had been opened and a side garage door was used to gain entry. No forced entry was found.

In the other, reported at about 3:59 p.m. Nov. 29 in the 5000 block of Forest Hill Drive, jewelry worth a total of \$16,000 — including diamond earrings worth \$6,000, a \$1,200 ring and a \$1,000 watch — was stolen, along with a \$1,500 computer.

• Gesebel Maorquin, 25, of San Jose and Brandon Dearis Kendrick, 22 a transient, were arrested at about 7:28 p.m. Nov. 29 for felony

shoplifting and conspiracy for attempting to steal 52 random items worth \$1,529.99 from various departments at Walmart in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive.

• Toni Matsue Rivera, 30, of San Ramon and Patrick James Makrakis, 21, of Concord were arrested for petty theft at about 8:19 p.m. Dec. 3 at Stoneridge Shopping Center for attempting to take clothing and a Raiders blanket valued at a total of \$370 from JCPenney. Rivera also had an outstanding felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance; Makrakis had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

• Carlos Gilbert Law, 39, a transient, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant at about 8:18 p.m. Nov. 28 after a disturbance at Stoneridge Shopping Center. Police later added two felonies to the arrest, for possession of methamphetamines and for attempting to smuggle drugs into the Santa Rita Jail.

• Two women told police they had been victims of identity theft. In one case, reported at about 6:02 p.m. Nov. 29, a resident of the 4300 block of Valley Avenue discovered a fraudulent bank account had been opened in her name after receiving a letter from a collection agency.

In the other case, reported at about 4:08 p.m. Nov. 30, a resident of the 200 block of Tomas Way reported that a debit card was used for four charges totaling \$1,850; She told police her card had not been stolen.

• A Dec. 3 burglary at Physiotherapy Associates in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive netted a \$3,000 laptop and a \$50 portable radio; a pry tool was used to force the main door. The break-in was reported at 8:12 a.m.

• Cash and three sets of headphones were stolen in a Dec. 2 burglary at Radio Shack in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive. A total of \$271 was taken from the store's

cash register; the front door of the business was smashed between 3:47 and 4:45 a.m.

• Two laptops worth a total of \$1,400 were stolen from a home in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive; the front door was forced open between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 29.

• A Nov. 28 auto break in at Stoneridge Shopping Center netted two laptops worth a total of \$2,300; a window of the vehicle, owned by ValleyCare, was smashed to gain access.

• Mark Edward Hobart, 36, a transient, was arrested at about 1:59 p.m. Dec. 3 at the intersection of Oak Mill Way and Mill Creek Place on a felony warrant for sale of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine after a suspicious vehicle stop.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 28

Auto burglary

■ 1:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Possession of methamphetamine

■ 8:18 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 29

Theft

■ 6:02 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; fraud

Burglary

■ 3:48 p.m. in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive; residential burglary
 ■ 3:59 p.m. in the 5000 block of Forest Hill Drive; residential burglary
 ■ 7:41 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; commercial burglary

Auto burglary

■ 8:20 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Threats

■ 10:39 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violations

■ 1:29 p.m. in the 4300 block of

Foothill Road; marijuana possession, minor in possession of alcohol

■ 10:27 p.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

Nov. 30

Theft

■ 7:47 a.m. in the 3500 block of Helen Drive; auto theft

■ 8:46 a.m. in the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way; auto theft

■ 10:03 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; auto theft

■ 3:59 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft

■ 4:08 p.m. in the 700 block of Bonita Avenue; theft

■ 4:08 p.m. in the 200 block of Tomas Way; fraud

■ 7:18 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Auto burglary

■ 11:40 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 3:55 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Battery

■ 6:59 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Dec. 1

Threats

■ 12:15 p.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug/ alcohol violations

■ 12:01 a.m. in the 700 block of Main Street; DUI

■ 1:14 a.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

■ 3:15 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive; possession of marijuana

■ 8:48 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue; DUI

■ 11:05 p.m. in the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; DUI

Dec. 2

Burglary

■ 3:47 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; commercial burglary

Battery

■ 3:24 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 7:11 p.m. in the 3500 block of Touriga Drive

Public drunkenness

■ 9:37 a.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Muirwood Drive

■ 2:38 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Dec. 3

Theft

■ 4:17 p.m. in the 3000 block of Staples Ranch road; bicycle theft

■ 5:20 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

■ 6:55 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:58 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

■ 8:12 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive; commercial burglary

■ 11:49 a.m. in the 4000 block of Payne Road; residential burglary

Auto burglary

■ 7:18 a.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

■ 7:26 a.m. in the 7500 block of Ivy Court

Vandalism

■ 7:31 a.m. in the 400 block of Adams Way

■ 8:42 a.m. in the 7300 block of

Johnson Drive

■ 12:34 p.m. in the 600 block of Junipero Street

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 1:36 p.m. in the 5700 block of San Antonio Street; marijuana possession

■ 1:59 p.m. in the 1500 block of Oak Vista Way; methamphetamine possession

■ 9:44 p.m. at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Tassajara Road; DUI

Dec. 4

Auto burglary

■ 7:17 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

■ 11:08 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

■ 4:44 p.m. at the intersection of Holly Circle and Kamp Drive

Public drunkenness

■ 3:29 p.m. in the 4600 block of First Street

OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

Jacqueline Woodruff

Nov. 29, 1940-Nov. 30, 2012

Jacqueline Fougeray Woodruff passed away the day following her 72nd birthday on November 30, 2012 following a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was in her Pleasanton home, surrounded by loved ones.

Born November 29, 1940 in Philadelphia, Pa., Jackie grew up wanting to see the world. As a "service brat" she lived in many parts of the U.S. and North Africa before joining the Air Force as a



young woman. She was granted admission to attend medical school at the University of Hawaii when her path took another turn, toward high tech engineering where she excelled at layout engineering at companies such as Texas Instruments and Mostek.

Following her service in the Air Force, Jackie remained passionate about serving her community wherever she resided. She was active in CASA (assisting foster kids) in Dallas, Texas, the Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Ore., the Volunteers in Policing in Thousand Oaks, CASA in Alameda county and the Pleasanton Volunteers in Police Service program.

Those who knew her will remember her as a beautiful, courageous, artistic and unbelievably well read individual. A staunch supporter of the fine arts, Jackie was also an amateur archeologist, accomplished cook, animal lover, pilot,

seamstress and filmographer.

Jackie was predeceased by her son Alexander, and is survived by her husband Bill, her daughter & son-in-law Claudine and Peter Weiler and son & daughter-in-law Scot and Michelle Parnell, along with her grandchildren Kate, William and Charlie Weiler, and Chloe, Harrison, and Bennett Parnell. Interment will be at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. at the Chapel at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

Contributions are welcome in her name in support of the Volunteers in Police Service program: VIPS

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CLAIRE WILLIAMS

Rising Star



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Claire Williams (right) and Axis Development Director Valerie Jonas look over the books collected through Claire's "I Am Grateful I Can Read" program.

by Jeb Bing

If you've been to the Pleasanton Library over the past few years, you've likely seen Claire Williams there, helping young children build their reading skills. Passionate about reading and a very curious learner, Claire has a heart for service and is this year's winner of the Tri-Valley Heroes Rising Star award.

Claire was born in Pleasanton and is a member of a pioneer family. Her great-great grandparents immigrated to Pleasanton from Italy and Germany in the late 1800s. Being a 5th generation Pleasanton resident, Claire has a deep sense of commitment to her community.

Claire fell in love with reading in the third grade after taking part in a library program that had young patrons illustrate and write their own short story. In the sixth grade, she began working with Kid Power, the library's summer reading program, and she has also been a "book buddy." Working in the library for the past six summers, and volunteering more than 700 hours, she founded a program called "Read to a Teen," where students in grades 1-4 read to volunteer teenagers every Sunday to improve their reading skills.

"These young readers show up at the library and can read to a teen between 2 and 4 p.m.," Claire said.

The teen helps the young reader with reading skills and comprehension. With all the budget cuts in the schools it has been a great way for young readers to get more reading practice.

The teen doesn't read the story to the child, but instead encourages and engages with the child to help them with their reading comprehension.

Claire studied local literacy issues and related them to a government report stating that in low-income neighborhoods in the U.S., there is on average only one age-appropriate book for every 300 children. Linking the issues of literacy and poverty and knowing that some local children don't have books at home, Claire founded a book drive called "I Am Grateful I Can Read."

Last year she and other volunteers collected over 5,000 new books. The annual drive is in progress now and drop boxes are at all Pleasanton elementary and middle schools. The books will be collected on Dec. 14 and donated to Axis Community Health Center. Children coming in for a doctor's visit can take a book home instead of a sucker.

Not just a heart of gold, our Rising Star earned a Congressional Gold Award for service and was recognized by Congressman Jerry McNerney. In addition to her efforts with literacy, Claire served meals through the Tri-Valley's Open Heart Kitchen and helps annually with events for foster care children through Foster a Dream, a Bay Area organization. On Sunday, she is volunteering her time to help the Rotary Club of Pleasanton serve Christmas dinners to 275 seniors at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Currently a senior at Amador Valley High School, Claire says that her work in helping children couldn't be done without the help of many volunteers and the Teen Librarian, Teresa Parham.

Claire encourages and inspires others to get involved and although they may not be 5th generation Pleasantonians, everyone's volunteer efforts help make our community a great place to live. ■

▲ Hero FYI

▲ Claire Williams was chosen from more than 35,000 nominees nationwide for the Kohl's Department Stores' Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program earlier this year. She was one of more than 200 regional-level winners awarded \$1,000 scholarship toward her post-secondary education.

▲ She was one of three students in the 11th Congressional District to be presented with the Congressional Gold Award by U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney for her work in helping students in need of literacy training.

▲ She is responsible for a book drive now under way to benefit the Axis Community Health Pediatric unit. Donations of new books for ages 1 to 12 can be dropped off at school libraries

through Dec. 14.

▲ She was a player on the Amador Valley High School girls varsity tennis team this year that won the James Logan Tennis Tournament for the first time ever. Earlier, these Lady Dons had defeated both Foothill and Monte Vista, two teams they've struggled against in the past.

▲ Last year at this time, she organized a holiday celebration for 131 Alameda County families, complete with gifts, Santa, elves and decorations, at the downtown Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building. Claire also has volunteered to help foster care children in the past with the "Foster A Dream" program for her Girl Scout Gold Award project.

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SRV FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT *Innovation*



JESSICA LIPSKY

San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District's Chief Richard Price uses a mock cell phone to explain the new app, which sends out a message to "citizen heroes" that might be near a cardiac victim and can offer CPR while they wait for paramedics.

▲ Hero FYI

▲ Richard Price began his career when he was 17, as a part-time firefighter in Hayward.

▲ He joined the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in 2006 as the Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and was appointed Fire Chief in 2008.

▲ He was the 2012 "Heart of Gold" honoree as a person who has made significant contribution to the fight against heart disease and improved the safety of the Bay Area.

▲ He was described as "visionary" by Dave Duffield, CEO and co-founder of Workday.

▲ He may be linked to PulsePoint forever, but his main passion is his wife Lisa and their 10-year-old daughter Halle.

▲ The Prices recently spent Thanksgiving in New York City, where they watched the Macy's parade and visited the Statue of Liberty and 911 memorials.

▲ Price's goal is to give Halle context for what she's learning in school. They've been to the White House, to the steps of the Supreme Court, and Arlington National Cemetery. They've gone zip-lining as well.

▲ Price's take on child rearing: "We're trying to raise a secure, confident little girl. I'm a big fan of experience and education. If you can have an education and have the experiences that match, it really magnifies the opportunity to learn."

by Glenn Wohltmann

In early 2010, Fire Chief Richard Price was sitting with a couple of his coworkers in a San Ramon restaurant when they heard a fire engine nearby.

That was no big deal. Price hears them all the time, but he idly wondered where the truck was headed. To his surprise, the truck pulled up right next to where he was eating.

Someone had gone into cardiac arrest. While Price gets paged if there's a fire, he had received no notification of this, even though he had a defibrillator in his truck.

That got him thinking: A brain can survive only about 10 minutes after a heart stops, and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District averages about seven minutes to arrive on scene.

It took about a year, but in January 2011 the SRVFPD released an app designed to create "citizen heroes" to offer CPR, and, if possible, to use an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED).

Only about 8% of people with a heart attack survive without immediate attention. With CPR and quick use of an AED, the survival rate goes up dramatically, to about 80%.

The app, originally for iPhones only, caught on quickly. Now, about 100 cities across the country have it in use. Philadelphia is gearing up to bring it online, and it's crossed international borders to Canada.

"We have a three-year clinical trial going in the city of Toronto," Price said, adding that the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada — the equivalent of the American Heart Association — has funded the study.

The app is working, too. Price confirmed "right around 500" messages requesting Good Samaritans to help with a potential victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

"Occasionally we'll get one, sometimes we'll get as many as 20, but I'd say on average it's three or four" showing up at a scene, Price said. The clinical trial in Toronto will help PulsePoint determine how many respond as a result of messages sent out by the app.

Price said the bystander rate for people who administer CPR is about 20%. Now about 40% are doing CPR when a rescue crew arrives on scene. Toronto will send out an anonymous survey to those who got the original (also anonymous) message, asking how they were notified, if they responded, and if they used an AED.

"For example, we had an incident at Peet's in downtown Danville," Price said recently. "In that particular case, we had CPR responders, people out front directing rescue workers in, others to switch out doing CPR, people clapping to 100 times a minute. What we don't know is if the people in Peet's would have responded anyway. We'd like to know — when 10 people are activated, do we get two or eight?"

He said it's difficult to determine how many people's lives have been saved because of the app.

"You'd have to track people all the way through the hospital," he said.

The application has received several international awards: the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association Wireless Samaritan Award, a Computerworld Laureate Award for Innovation, an American Heart Association Life Saver Heart Partner Award, and was a nominee for a Webby award for the Best Use of GPS or Location Technology.

The Public Service Announcement designed to promote awareness and adoption of the application also received two Telly Awards.

Beyond that, it's catapulted Price into the role of national speaker. He's been to the White House "Safety Datapalooza," to promote the app, and Price has won a number of awards himself.

He said PulsePoint has allowed him to merge his love of technology and the desire to help others.

"I love the mix of the two," Price said, adding that he hopes his legacy will be to make a difference in cardiac arrest survival rates.

"The app is a way to impact a lot more people around the country and maybe the world," he said. "I'm very inspired about the idea that we can lower the amount of death through sudden cardiac arrest — 1,000 lives a day — that's a lot. I think the app is going to make quite a big difference. I'm very inspired by that." ■



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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will benefit ValleyCare Health System, which opened its ValleyCare Medical Center on 23-acres on Santa Rita Road in 1991. Below: Dr. Robert Santos is a ValleyCare physician who has practiced in Pleasanton for 28 years.

Holiday Fund will help pay for added services, technology at ValleyCare

Contributions to go toward new mammogram machine, Palliative Care Program

By JEB BING

ValleyCare Health System (VCHS) has again been named a beneficiary of funds contributed to the Pleasanton Weekly's 2012 Holiday Fund.

Over the years, the fund has contributed more than \$100,000 to the local health system with donations used to support its ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Resource Center in Pleasanton and the expansion program of its emergency room operation.

This year, the funds will be used to help pay for a new mammogram machine, new beds for the ICU, and to fund a Nurse Navigator to run the Palliative Care Program.

"This is a fantastic program that is designed to help a patient and family deal with very serious and often incurable diseases, and how to handle everything related to that, including family support, medical decisions, social services, long term care and more," said Shelley Despotakis, manager of the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

ValleyCare's roots go back to the 1950s when the 18-bed St. Paul's Hospital proved too small for the fast-growing Livermore/Pleasanton communities. Local residents, weary of traveling to Oakland or Hayward for health care, banded together and raised enough money, along with state funds, to build Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore in 1961. The 46-bed facility was built on land donated by Kaiser Paving, with a third floor added in 1969, raising the total to 110 beds.

Needing more room in a building that would meet California's increasingly strict earthquake protection



BROOKE DUTHIE PHOTOGRAPHY

"In addition to having convenient medical care and services, ValleyCare also provides more than \$14 million in charity care. So it's a local asset that not only serves all of us, it also gives back to the communities it serves."

Deborah Acosta McKeegan,
Valley Care Board Member

requirements, ValleyCare purchased a 23-acre parcel at Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard in Pleasanton and, in 1991, opened its new ValleyCare Medical Center.

Today, with a two-campus health system and 242 beds, a medical staff of 400 and numerous hospital and outpatient services, ValleyCare is still the unique, fiercely independent health care facility in the Bay Area that is locally controlled just

as its founders envisioned more than a half-century ago.

Its board of directors includes ValleyCare doctors and members chosen from the community, including its current chairman, Marty Inderbitzen, a well-known Pleasanton lawyer who specializes in real estate transactions and land use entitlements. Board members include residents of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, the hospital's primary marketing and service area.

"All of us in the Tri-Valley need to understand and appreciate the value of having an independent, nonprofit hospital in our communities," said Deborah Acosta McKeegan, former city manager of Pleasanton who has been on the ValleyCare board for six years, serving as its chair for the past two terms.

"We can get excellent medical care right here where we live without having to drive to Walnut Creek or beyond," she added. "In addition to having convenient medical care and services, ValleyCare also provides more than \$14 million in charity care. So it's a local asset that not only serves all of us, it also gives back to the communities it serves."

Inderbitzen agreed. "While not everyone in our area will be a patient at ValleyCare, everyone in our community is a beneficiary," he said. "To that end, we also rely upon our community members to support ValleyCare both financially through the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation and by utilizing our services."

"In doing so, you help ensure that ValleyCare will be here to serve the needs of the community for the next 50 years," he added. ■

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We are pleased to announce that this year we will partner with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which will provide all the administrative support for the campaign at no cost. As before, the Pleasanton Weekly will donate marketing services, as well as advertising space. This means that all money raised can support the people in our community.

We appreciate your support of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and these worthy nonprofits.



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- Valley Humane Society
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Receiving the other 25% are:

- Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council
- REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) for special adults of the Tri-Valley
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Pleasanton holiday parade,

Heavy rains let up just long enough for Ho



Thousands turned out to watch Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Parade on Saturday night. Heavy rains ending in mid-afternoon, then steady drizzle, kept temperatures in the 40s and 50s. The parade's festivities ended at 8 p.m.

Estimates indicated that more than 10,000 people turned out to watch the parade. Nearly 3,000 others marched, walked or rode bicycles.

Michelle Stearns of the city's Parks and Recreation Department said she spent a hectic Saturday afternoon responding to emergency calls for updates on the fast-moving storm. As late as 10 p.m., Stearns held to predictions that the storm would hit Pleasanton on Sunday.

Her words on the parade's emergency hotline were "We're sorry about the rain." That was good news for already uniformed school children and those who had decorated floats for the 7 p.m. parade kick-off.

The Foothill band led the parade, with the two-hour long procession, playing festive Christmas music. Announcers described the floats, organizers and participants.

Scores of holiday inspired entries paraded down Main Street. A float from the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church men's choir, a float from the Pleasanton City Council, hundreds of Cub Scouts and more.

Stearns said there were 82 separate entries in the parade. Also in the parade were 42 car floats and 1,633 walkers. Also in the parade were 42 car floats and 1,633 walkers.

Main Street was closed to vehicular traffic in downtown Pleasanton to take advantage of the parade.

The Foothill band was followed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a float sponsored by Meadowlark Dairy, the Pleasanton City Council and, of course, Santa Claus.

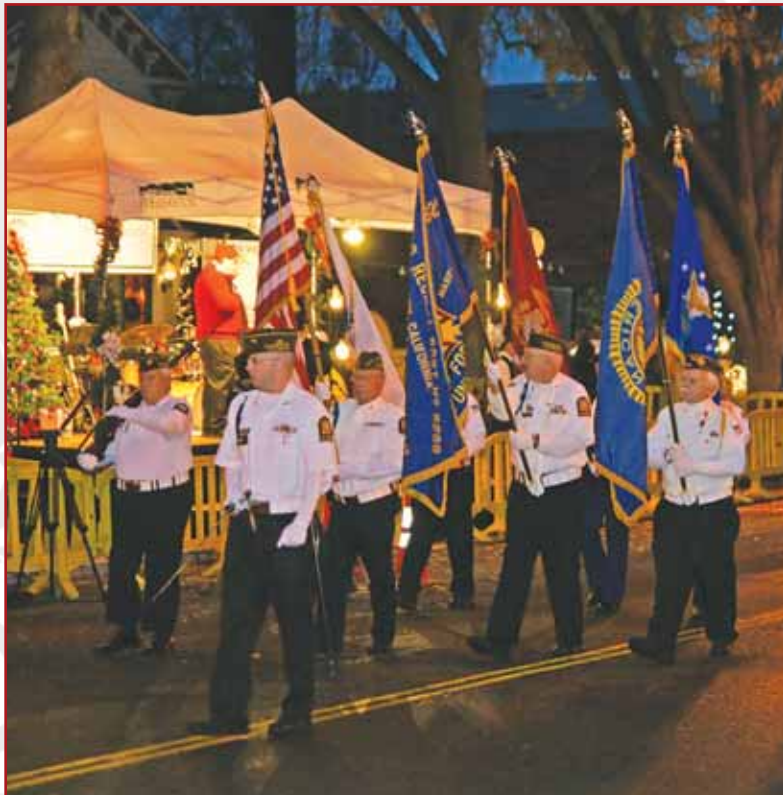
Stearns said parade participants also included the Tri Valley Roller Girls, Fiona the cow from the Pleasanton Community Center and jazz band.

One of the highlights of the parade was a float with his family on a 5-acre parcel on Johnston Road. The float was still in the Pleasanton post office delivery zone. The float was still in the Pleasanton post office delivery zone since 1910, but then packed away when they started the float. The float was still in the Pleasanton post office delivery zone since 1910, but then packed away when they started the float.

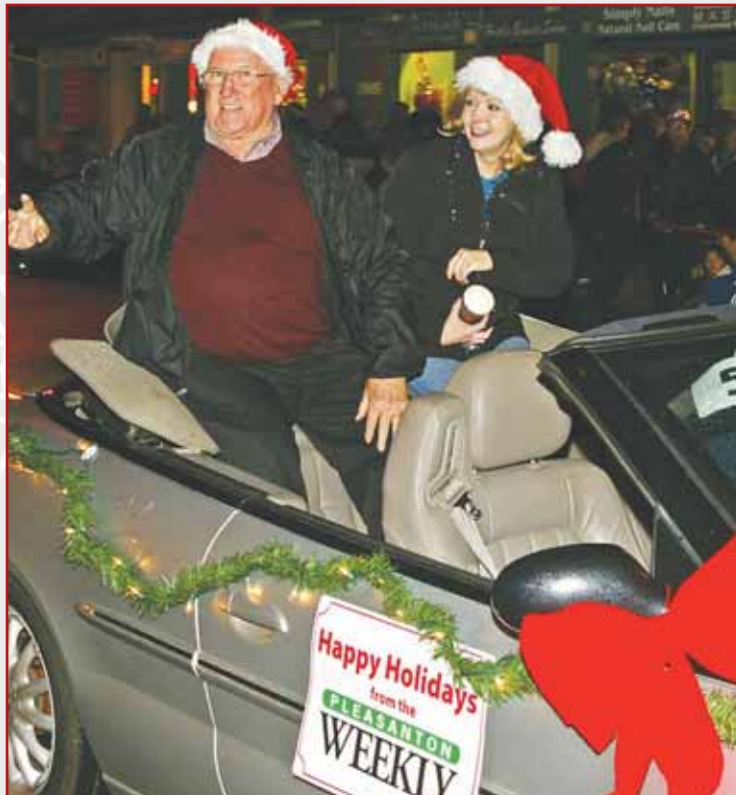
The tree lighting took place as scheduled. Hosterman, with Santa at her side, pulled the float. She'll be on stage as mayor. Her term expires in 2013. Her term expires in 2013. Her term expires in 2013.

JAY FLACHSBARTH

Vintage Hills area Girl Scouts ride in their festive float on Main Street on Saturday night during Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Parade.



The VFW-American Legion Colorguard looks sharp as it passes a reviewing stand.



Pleasanton Weekly editor Jeb Bing and publisher Gina Channell-Allen wave to crowds as they promote the newspaper's 2012 Holiday Fund.



The popular Balloon Platoon, always a crowd draw, participated in the town Holiday Parade.

tree lighting, draw thousands

Hometown Holiday Celebration to take place

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's popular Hometown Holiday Parade Saturday night with the tree lighting ceremony starting up again shortly after the parade and tree-lighting festi-

Over 10,000 watched the parade from sidewalks along Main Street as the parade moved through the city.

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department and this year's parade coordinator, Jennifer Hosterman, responded to phone calls as weather experts provided half-hour forecasts. At 3 p.m., heavy rains were falling, especially north of the city, but the parade would end in time for the parade to proceed. Hosterman never deviated from "It's still a go."

The parade featured marching bands from both Foothill and Amador Valley high schools, floats and cars, and Scouts getting ready to assemble for the 50th anniversary of the Amador Valley High marching band in the middle of the near-Christmas and other holiday music past three reviewing stands.

The parade route followed Main Street including the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund, the club's Balloon Platoon, a horse-drawn wagon carrying the Pleasanton Brownies, local car clubs and dog clubs, and many more.

The parade drew a total of 2,875 individuals in all, including floats, 13 floats, four bands and five animal entries (dog groups).

Participating in the parade but many merchants and all of the restaurants were crowded out front.

The parade featured the VFW and American Legion Color Guard, then lots of Scout troops, the Balloon Platoon, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and the Pleasanton Rugby Club, Pleasanton Seahawks, Elvis, the Adobe, and Harvest Park Middle School's Cheer Squad.

The parade featured a real One Horse Open Sleigh restored by Brad Haupt, who lives on Road about 6 miles north of the Pleasanton city limits, but the sleigh was used by his ancestors from 1890-1920.

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After the parade with carolers singing holiday songs before the switch lighting the four-story tall tree. It was the last time this year and newly elected Mayor Jerry Thorne took the oath of office.



A vintage car carrying members of Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce drives past the reviewing stand.



A real One Horse Open Sleigh, struts its stuff at the Home-



In one of her final acts as Pleasanton's mayor, Jennifer Hosterman prepares to light the Holiday Tree on Saturday in front of the Museum on Main with her successor, Mayor-elect Jerry Thorne, and Santa looking on.



Pleasanton's Holiday Tree will continue to shine throughout the season.

All that Glitters

Deacon Dave offers a festival of lights, for the 30th year

Casa del Pomba in Livermore draws tens of thousands of guests

By JEB BING

The biggest and one of the best holiday displays in the Tri-Valley is now open with festivities starting on the front yard of Deacon Dave Rezendes' home, Casa del Pomba, at 352 Hillcrest Ave. in Livermore.

The holiday display is visited by tens of thousands of guests each year. It's special this year because Deacon Dave is also celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination as a deacon in the Catholic Church.

The theme each year changes, and is always kept a secret until opening night ceremonies. This year the theme is "Elfland."

Last Friday night, the home and yard were dark as a candlelight procession made its way down the blocked off street for this year's opening ceremony. Members of the community joined the procession, which featured the St. Michael's Catholic School choir leading Deacon Dave and Santa and Mrs. Claus to the home.

The Trinity Church choir also performed along with a blessing of the lights when the lights were turned on. At that time, guests

were invited to walk through the yard.

Members of the nonprofit group Good News Bears helped Deacon Dave celebrate his special night by serving refreshments. Visitors brought new stuffed animals or made cash donations to help them meet the ever-increasing need for "stuffed love" at shelters, hospitals and emergency services.

More than 35 volunteers from many faiths work throughout the year to put on the display. Many of them are on hand at the display to share the spirit of the holidays and answer questions. Just look for anyone wearing a red "Casa del Pomba" ball cap or jacket.

Santa loves to visit, and makes time in his busy schedule to stop by often during the season. He loves to visit the gorgeous display, so he often drops in unannounced. Mrs. Claus loves the beautiful lights and story that is told every year, too, so she often joins Santa.

Deacon Dave will have his yard open now until Jan. 1. The hours are 6-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and from 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The gates may be closed during inclement weather, although every



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Deacon Dave's Christmas Safety Tips

- When using a ladder, make sure it is balanced and steady. For tall ladders have someone hold the bottom portion.
- Place candles in sturdy non-combustible containers. Keep them away from Christmas trees, decorations and wrapped packages, and away from animals and birds as they could accidentally knock the candle over. Be sure candles are out before leaving the house or at bedtime.
- When setting up a fresh green Christmas tree make certain that the tree holder can hold water; refill the water frequently so the tree does not dry out excessively.
- Christmas trees should never, ever block exits.

- Christmas trees must be kept three to four feet away from fireplaces or any type of heating unit.
- Examine electrical cords before plugging them in for your Christmas decorations. Any that are cracked, frayed, have bare wires, cracked sockets or loose connections, immediately toss in the garbage.
- Don't overload your electrical circuits. If you blow the power it usually means that you are overloading your household electrical circuits. Redistribute your electrical cords to other outlets. It could also mean that you have plugged in a defective electrical decoration.
- Don't overload extension cords or socket.
- Don't connect more than three strings of lights. For larger screw-in bulbs, connect no more than 50 bulbs.
- Check your light cords each year for safety. Some light strings have a fuse located in one end. If the lights do not work, check the fuse. Fuses are replaceable.
- Christmas tree electrical cords should not pose a trip-and-fall hazard.
- Your Christmas tree or Menorah candle does not need to be illuminated all night. Make sure you turn off all lights and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.



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CAMMIE CLARK

"Santa Bob" Stanley presents Bob's World on Calle Reynoso each year with old favorites and new inspirations, complete with music.

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton is a small town in many ways, but to find the best Christmas displays high tech is as helpful as word of mouth. Go to www.lightsofthevalley.com to plan a fun route of lights and decorations to enjoy with family and friends.

Bob's World has been presented by "Santa Bob" Stanley at his home at 2612 Calle Reynoso for more than 20 years. He works for

five weeks of the year installing old favorites and new inspirations to offer a display that is complete with music.

Stanley says he keeps going because of the feedback he receives from charmed visitors.

"They say, 'I never thought you could outdo last year, but you did!'" Stanley said one holiday season. "It just keeps growing. Each year I try to make it different. It just keeps growing."

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for much of the increased traffic. This year he has notes on the site about his current decorations:

"Virtually every space of lawn, house walls and roof have something on them that lights, flashes or blinks, rotates, twirls, etc. You have to see it to believe it!"

This year the display features lots of snow, he notes. Lights will be on Dec. 15-28 in good weather, and the lights will be on, rain or shine, Dec. 24 and 25.

Widmer World (aka Bob's World Two) at 3671 Chelsea Court is another "must see," according to the website. It's been running for 34 years, with 90% of the displays in the back yard. Folks are encouraged to park their cars and check it out.

Susan Widmer says her family has been putting together the display for more than 30 years and the homemade displays now cover their entire 1-acre lot.

"It's a way for our family to give back to other families and make their holiday memorable," Widmer said.

New this year is a side access arch, wider rear walk and more windows. Visitors are under a canopy for the first 120 feet of the tour.

Sandee and Malcolm McNeil have been decorating their home at 1279 Hearst Drive for more than 30 years, both inside and out. Each year they hold a party for the neighbors so everyone can enjoy their inside decorations, which include a display of festive nutcrackers, Christmas trees and Santas.

They have added a lot of new things this year, including more reindeer and a Santa's sleigh.

These three homes and more are listed at www.lightsofthevalley.com. Alex Dourov, a Livermore resident, started the website in 1999 as a go-to guide of the best decorated homes in the Tri-Valley. It now includes much



The McNeil home on Hearst Drive is among those featured at www.lightsofthevalley.com.

of the Bay Area and Northern California but its entries for Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley remain a valuable resource.

Dourov spends a lot of time on the website — along with volunteer elves — and his motivation echoes that of Santa Bob.

"It's about making people smile," Dourov said. "Not only the children, but also the adults." ■

Light up your life

Following are addresses of special holiday displays in Pleasanton on the website as of Dec. 5:

- 2612 Calle Reynoso
- 3671 Chelsea Court
- 1279 Hearst Drive
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- 2793 Calle Alegre
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Bling! Add sparkle to your outfit for holiday fun

Most women would agree that getting ready for a night out on the town is much more exciting than getting ready for a typical day. Dressing up, adding some shine or a little extra sparkle to your outfit can give your mood a boost whether it's for a special occasion or a regular day.

If you're concerned that dressing up your daily ensemble will take your look over the top, remember that it's all about adding the right touches. Think of it as bringing added interest to a basic look. And if you are headed to a special event, some extra touches can make your look that much more show-stopping.

“Adding a bit of glamour to any outfit serves two purposes,” says Janette Ewen, style expert for a line of jewelry. “It gives an added touch of refinement — and fun — to your workday looks, but it also makes you feel special. When you're well dressed, you feel your best — it's really as simple as that.”

To make date night, lunch with friends or even a day at the office a little more special, follow Ewen's tips for adding glam touches to your wardrobe.

- Stand out. “Opt for pieces that will set you apart from the crowd, whether it's a brightly colored article of clothing, a striking pair of shoes or attention-grabbing jewelry,” Ewen says.

- Choose an area of focus. If your blouse is boldly colored, let that be the “star” item, and make the rest of your clothes and accessories the supporting cast. “Picking one area to focus on keeps your look classy, rather than overdone,” adds Ewen.

- Shop for transitional pieces. When you're at the mall or a clothing boutique, look for items that can be worn day to night with the help of the right accessories. Some blouses can be perfectly work-appropriate when topped by a blazer, and then be ready for a night on the town with the addition of jewelry or a different pair of shoes. “I love to pop the collar on a simple white blouse and add long, layered necklaces,” suggests Ewen.



- Don't overdo it. “If you choose to focus on jewelry, feel free to stack sparkling bracelets against neutral clothing,” says Ewen. Avoid piling on big earrings, statement necklaces, lots of rings and stacks of bracelets all together. The right amount of sparkle will make your look sophisticated; too much is simply too much.

- Wear with confidence. No matter how you choose to accessorize or highlight your look, wear what makes you feel comfortable and confident. Ewen points out that you don't need to go outside your style in order to make your look more glamorous — simply add a little shine to a look that's perfectly your own.

No matter the season, what you wear can have an effect on how you feel. So keep these tips in mind to look and feel your best.

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GARDEN CLUB MEETING The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet from 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. The meeting will begin with a potluck, followed by a program on 42 public gardens within two hours of Amador Valley. Call Bev at 485-7812 or visit www.lavgc.org. Free.

GETTING TO YES: THE ART OF POLISHING AND SUBMITTING A MANUSCRIPT Meg Waite Clayton will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch. Meg is the national bestselling author of "The Four Ms. Bradwells," "The Wednesday Sisters," and the Bellwether Prize finalist, "The Language of Light," published by Ballanantine Books. 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, \$15 for non-members, \$10 for members Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton. 925-216-5238. www.trivalleywriters.org

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED Celebration time, come one, come all, ladies and gentlemen. Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated Christmas party. The event is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Dinner choices are shrimp scampi, lemon herb chicken, sirloin steak, broiled salmon, ravioli or caesar salad topped with either salmon, chicken or tri-tip and dessert. Cost \$26. To reserve your table contact Phyllis Couper at 462-4931 or email coupclan1962@pacbell.net. RSVP by Friday, Dec. 7.

Concerts

BROADWAY STAR JERI SAGER: A VERI JERI CHRISTMAS Jeri Sager brings her trademark powerhouse voice and celebrated holiday show to the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16. Tickets: \$18, \$23, \$28; child \$12; senior \$25. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, by phone at 931-4848, or at the Firehouse box office.

Events

NARFE LUNCHEON Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend a monthly no host luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St., to learn about a national association that advocates for them. Attendees need not be NARFE members. Call Gary at 373-6758 or visit www.narfe.org.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE Pleasantonians 4 Peace is sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the

Museum on Main, 603 Main St., at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12. The fourth Wednesday War Protest will not be held in December and will resume from 5-6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the corner of First and Neal streets. For details, call Cathe Norman at 462-7495.

Exhibits

'CONFRONTATIONS: ARTISTS AND THE NATURAL WORLD' The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., will presents its new exhibit, "Confrontations: Artists and the Natural World," through Saturday, Dec. 15. Media includes sculpture, photography, large formal oil paintings and ceramic. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org/.

ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Animal lovers of the Tri-Valley are sharing their collections with the public in Museum on Main's exhibit, Animal Attractions, through Sunday, Jan. 20. The exhibit features selected treasures from nine local collectors. Museum on Main is at 603 Main St. No

admission, but donations appreciated. Call 462-2766 or visit curator@museumonmain.org.

Health

HEALING TOUCH FOR TRI-VALLEY VETERANS Free Healing Touch sessions for veterans of any military branch are from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at Las Positas College. A session can help relaxation, ease pain, improve sleep, focus thoughts and promote overall feeling good. Space is limited. Contact Vivian at 352-8917 or htfortrivalvets@yahoo.com. Visit www.quantumhealingth.com.

Holiday

AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS SHOW American Legion Post 237 is hosting its fifth annual Christmas Show at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Veterans Hall, 301 Main St. Starring "Kolinda" Magic of the Islands and special guest Santa Claus. Fun for the whole family. Admission is \$10; children under 5 free. For tickets and information, call 784-6808.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Join Santa for a pancake breakfast at the Tri-Valley Y from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at Tri-Valley YMCA, 6693 Sierra Lane #F, Dublin. Reservations required. Tickets are \$10 adult, \$7 child. Contact Vicky Mazzanti-Noard at 263-4444 or visit www.trivalleyymca.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Join us for a pancake breakfast with Santa Claus from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 15, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church & Preschool, 3350 Hopyard Rd. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa. Proceeds benefit St. Clare's Episcopal Church & Preschool. E-mail Alison Wildy at tslorax@comcast.net for tickets. Adults/teens, \$10; Kids 3-12, \$5; 2 & under free.

CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS Enjoy the music of the Tri-Valley's Cantabella Children's Chorus winter concert, "Counting the Joys of Christmas," at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$8-\$20. Visit Cantabella.org/tickets.

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CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND GATHERING Pog Mo Thoin brings in special guest Michael Mullen, known for his lively fiddling with Tempest, from 6-9 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, to the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Bring a potluck dish to share at 6 p.m.; the concert's at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, 12 and under free. Contact Linda Ryan at 447-2787 or visit www.bothwellartscenter.org.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be hosting its annual Chanukah celebration at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16. There will be latkas, dreidals, Menorah lighting and fun for the whole family. Bring a potato to contribute to the latkas. Bring gift cards for local stores or new household items for the adopted family in need. Call Kevin Coren at 240-5612 or visit www.trivalleyculturaljews.org. Free to members/\$15 donation non-members.

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CHRISTMAS OPERA: 'AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS' Livermore Valley Opera will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera performed in English about a crippled boy and his mother who are visited by the three kings on their way to Bethlehem. The performance is 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Tickets are \$12-

\$25. Visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY 'POSADA' CELEBRATION The Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association is sponsoring a traditional Christmas celebration "Posada" from 7-8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. The Posada is celebrated in Mexico through music, carols and everyone's participation. This fun family event with local school students and the Pleasanton community will include desserts and refreshments. Contact Sylvia or Jorge at 462-6723 or email jvictoria45@comcast.net.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS The combined choirs at Centerpointe Church will

present their annual Festival of Carols and The Joy of Christmas at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, and at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, at Centerpointe Church, Worship Center, 3410 Cornerstone Ct. They welcome all to join them as they celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. A reception will follow the Saturday evening performance. Free to all. Call 846-4436 or visit www.centerpointechurch.org.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD CONCERT Come enjoy beautiful Advent and Christmas music provided by the choirs of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, from 7-8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Contact Mark Sullivan at

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT — 'KINDER NACHT' Foothill's German students are offering parents one child-free

evening during the busy holiday season from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at the high school's Multipurpose Room, 4375 Foothill Road. Sign up your grade-school age kids for a festive evening of German Christmas carols, arts, crafts, games and pizza dinner. Reservations required. Contact Heather Fleming at 577-7758 or hfleming@pleasanton.usd.net. Space is limited. \$25 donation.

PUSS IN BOOTS HOLIDAY PANTO The Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company will present "Puss In Boots" Holiday Panto at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15; and at 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9, 15 and 16. This popular annual fractured fairy tale/musical comedy production will be held at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Visit www.

firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or visit the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Cost is \$10, \$15, \$18 for general admission; \$6, \$9 and \$12 for children or seniors.

SING-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH Valley Concert Chorale will host its annual "Sing-It-Yourself Messiah" where you're invited to sing Handel's choral masterpiece, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. Singers are encouraged to bring their own copy of "Messiah," although extra copies will be available. This event is also open to those who just wish to listen. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling 866-4003 or visiting www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

VALLEY DANCE THEATRE'S 'THE NUTCRACKER' Valley Dance Theatre presents its 33rd annual classical production of "The Nutcracker," Saturday, Dec. 8 - Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. This holiday classic will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Details on show times and tickets (\$18-\$34) are available at www.bankheadtheater.org, by phone at 373-6800, or at the theater's box office.

YULETIDE, A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Yuletide, A Victorian Christmas at Ravenswood Historic Site will feature Victorian Christmas decorations, gift shop, entertainment all afternoon, a visit with St. Nicholas and buggy rides. The event is from

noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Free admission. Call 443-0238 or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

On Stage

COMEDY WITH JAMES P. CONNOLLY Comedy @ Firehouse will present TV/radio host and stand-up comedian James P. Connolly at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12. Film and TV veteran Katsy Chappell will open the show. The Firehouse Arts Center is at 4444 Railroad Ave. General admission, \$15, can be purchased by calling 931-4848, or visiting www.firehousearts.org or at the box office. Parking is free.

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Falcons girls tennis 2nd in EBAL

Team makes it to NCS semifinals

Foothill's girls varsity tennis team ended the year on top by making it into the North Coast Section semifinals.

The team came in second in the East Bay Athletic League playoffs, trailing behind Danville's Monte Vista High School. In fact, Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley are the only two schools that beat Foothill during the entire season.

The second-place league ranking gives Foothill a solid fifth-place ranking in the entire NCS, which includes high schools from throughout Northern California.

The Falcons beat Santa Rosa's Maria Carrillo High School in the

first round of playoffs with a competitive score of 6-1. Foothill went on to beat Walnut Creek's Northgate High School in the second round with a score of 5-2.

Ultimately, Monte Vista came out on top with a score of 6-1.

The Foothill varsity team members are Genesis Aguila, Sophia Angst, Valentina Bunnell, Karen Chang, Jessica Chen, Leane Chen, C.C. Gerlach, Alexa Hanson, Catie Kim, Katarina McGaughey, Ariana Motavalli, Melissa Muller, Kelsey Ouyang, Allison Wong and Alicia Yang.

The team is led by coach Kendra Zierau and assistant coach Yvonne Hoppe. ■



PREP LINE-UP

Dec. 7

- Boys Basketball: TBD, Foothill @ Napa Tournament, Napa
- Boys Basketball: TBD, Amador ABC Tournament, home
- Boys Soccer: 6:30 p.m., Amador vs. Mission San Jose, at Fabeled Pitch

Dec. 8

- Boys Basketball: TBD, Amador ABC Tournament, home
- Boys Soccer: 1 p.m., Amador vs. College Park, at San Ramon Valley HS
- Wrestling: 7 a.m., Amador @ Green and Gold Tournament, San Marin HS
- Boys Basketball: TBD, Foothill @ Napa Tournament, Napa
- Boys Soccer: 2 p.m., Foothill vs. Richmond, home
- Girls Soccer: 5 p.m., Foothill vs. Newark, home
- Wrestling: 9 a.m., Foothill Frosh/Soph/JV Tournament, home

Dec. 11

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Deer Valley, at Fabeled Pitch
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill

vs. Pittsburg, away

- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. James Logan, home

Dec. 12

- Wrestling: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Albany, home

Dec. 13

- Boys Basketball: TBD, Amador @ Dougherty Tournament, away
- Boys Soccer: Amador vs. Livermore HS, away
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Dougherty, home
- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. De La Salle, away
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Carondelet, away

Dec. 14

- Boys Basketball: TBD, Amador @ Dougherty Tournament, away
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Castro Valley, away

Dec. 15

- Boys Basketball: TBD, Amador @ Dougherty Tournament, away
- Boys Soccer: 5 p.m., Foothill vs. Pittsburg, away
- Wrestling: 9 a.m., Foothill @ Bill Martell Invitational Tournament, at Northgate HS

SPORTS DIGEST

Pleasanton Girl's Lacrosse Registration

Registration is now open for Pleasanton Girl's Lacrosse U9, U11, U13 and U15 teams for the 2013 Spring season. There will be a free clinic on Sunday, Dec. 16, at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave.

For more information, visit www.pleasantongirlslacrosse.com.



Seahawks break medley record

The Pleasanton Seahawks 11-12-year-old boys broke the National Age Group Record in the 200 medley relay at the Junior Olympics last weekend. The team of (l-r) Tyler Lu, Christopher Jhong, Jonah Cooper and Timothy Yao combined for a 1:47.44 that took down a year-old record of 1:48.06 that was set by Rockville-Montgomery in 2011. Scores were as follows: Cooper, backstroke, 26.64; Yao, breaststroke, 30.20; Lu, fly, 26.77; Jhong, free, 23.83. The boys train under Brian Holm (center), an age group coach at the Seahawks. They train all-year-round, five days a week. The boys are 12 years old, and their next goal is to break the National Records for the 200 Free Relay and the 400 Free Relay.

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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on June 1, 2012. Signature of Registrant(s): Mark Phelps. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 31, 2012. Pleasanton Weekly. Published Nov. 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7, 2012.

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Builder confidence gains nationally in November

New home construction under way across country, including in Pleasanton

By JEB BING

Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes posted a solid, five-point gain to 46 on the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index for November, the NAHB reported today at its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The announcement follows recent approvals in Pleasanton of major new apartment house complexes and a new home development to begin shortly on Vineyard Avenue.

This marks the seventh consecutive monthly gain in the NAHB/Wells Fargo confidence gauge and brings it to its highest point since May of 2006.

"Builders are reporting increasing demand for new homes as inventories of foreclosed and distressed properties begin to shrink in markets across the country," said NAHB Chairman Barry Rutenberg, a home builder from Gainesville, Fla.

"In view of the tightening supply and other improving conditions, many potential buyers who were on the fence are now motivated to move forward with a purchase in order to take advantage of today's favorable prices and interest rates," he said.

"While our confidence gauge has yet to breach the 50 mark — at which point an equal number of builders view sales conditions as good versus poor — we have certainly made substantial progress since this time last year, when the index stood at 19," observed NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe.

"At this point, difficult appraisals and tight lending conditions for builders and buyers remain limiting factors for the burgeoning housing recovery, along with shortages of buildable lots that have begun popping up in certain markets."

Derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has been conducting for the past 25 years, the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index gauges builder perceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as "good," "fair" or "poor." The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as "high to very high," "average" or "low to very low." Scores from each component are then used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index where any number over 50 indicates that more builders view sales conditions as good than poor.

Two out of three of the HMI's com-

ponent indexes registered gains in November. The component gauging current sales conditions posted the biggest increase, with an eight-point gain to 49 — its highest mark in more than six years. Meanwhile, the component measuring sales expectations for the next six months held above 50 for a third consecutive month with a two-point gain to 53, and the component measuring traffic of prospective buyers held unchanged at 35 following a five-point gain in the previous month.

All four regions of the country posted gains in their HMI three-month moving averages as of November. The South posted a four-point gain to 43, while the Midwest and West each posted three-point gains, to 45 and 47, respectively, and the Northeast posted a two-point gain to 31.

In Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, new home and apartment construction is under way in many locations, including a new home development on Vineyard Avenue. The city also has approved new apartment complexes in Hacienda Business Park with a major market-rate apartment project planned for the corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, across from McDonald's. ■

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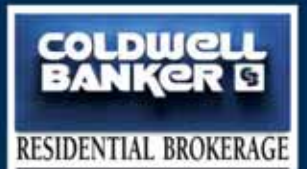
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